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SOCIETY FOR HISTORICAL STUDIES.

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Name. ART 1. The Society shall be called the "Society for Historical Studies".

Objects. ART 2. The objects of the Society shall be the investigation of Canadian history and the publication of works connected therewith.

Membership. ART 3. The Society shall consist of resident, corresponding, honorary and life members.

Election of Resident & Corresp. Members. ART 4. Resident and corresponding members shall be proposed in writing by a member and having been nominated by the Council, shall be elected by ballot at any stated meeting by a majority of the votes cast.

Election of Hon. [illegible]m. ART 5. Honorary members shall be elected by an unaminous vote of the Council.

Conditions of membership. ART 6. Every person elected a member of the Society shall become such by signifying his acceptance to the Secretary, in writing; and any member

may withdraw from it at any time, by certifying his intention of so doing to the Secretary, in writing and paying all dues to the Treasurer.

Libraries &c. ART 7. Libraries and other institutions may hold membership and be represented by an authorised agent.

Ladies. ART 8. Ladies are eligible for membership.

Annual fee. ART 9. The annual fee for resident members shall be two dollars ($ 2.00).

Life Mem. ART 10. A payment of twenty dollars ($ 2[illegible] shall entitle any resident member to life [illegible]ership.

Corresponding mem. ART 11. No person shall be eligible for [illegible]ponding membership who resides in the City of Montreal.

Officers. ART 12. The officers of the Society shall be a President, Vice–President and Secretary-Treasurer.

Council. ART 13. The affairs of the Society shall be managed by a Council consisting, of the officers and two resident members.

Meetings. ART 14. The Society shall meet in the City of Montreal for the transaction of business, on the first Wednesday of every month, except the months of July and August and except when such Wednesday is a legal holiday, and at such other times as the Society or the council shall appoint. The meetings in January, April and October shall be con-

sidered quarterly meetings of the Society. Resident and life members only shall be entitled to vote.

Elections.

ART 15. The officers and council of the Society shall be chosen by ballot at the January meeting, by a majority of the votes cast, and any vacancy occurring may be filled at any subsequent monthly meeting in the same manner.

Amendments.

ART 16. No alteration shall be made in this constitution except at a January meeting of the Society, at the written recommendation of at least five members then presented, and by a vote of three fourths of the members present and voting; notice of the proposed alteration having been entered on the minutes at least one month previous to time of voting.

BY LAWS.

President. No. 1. It shall be the duty of the President to call the Council together, whenever it may be necessary for the transaction of business and to preside at its meetings and at the meetings of the Society.

Vice President. No. 2. It shall be the duty of the Vice President to act in the absence of the President and he shall be the curator of the Society.

Secy. Treas. No. 3. The Secretary--Treasurer in his capacity of Secretary shall take correct minutes of the proceedings of the Society; preserve all documents belonging thereto; notify all members of their election as well as all committees of their appointment and keep a correct list of the members of the Society, and as Treasurer he shall receive and take charge of the funds of the Society, and attend to the collection and payment of moneys; but no payment shall be made unless authorised by the Council. He shall present a statement of all receipts and expenditures at the annual meeting in January.

Council.

No. 4. It shall be the duty of the Council to superintend and conduct the prudential and executive business of the Society; to authorise all expenditures of money; to receive and act upon

all resignations and forfeitures of membership; and to see that the constitution and by laws are duly complied with.

Order of proceedings

No. 5. The order of proceedings at monthly meetings of the Society shall be as follows :—

1. Reading of minutes.
2. Election of members.
3. Discussion of previous papers.
4. Reading of papers and essays.
5. Reports.
6. Transaction of unfinished and other business.

The meetings of the Society shall be held at 8 p.m.

Library.

No. 6. It being one of the objects of the Society to procure access to books treating of Canadian subjects, for the information of members of the Society; each member shall furnish the Secretary-Treasurer, with a list of such books, in his or her possession and members desiring to consult the same, at any time, shall have the right to do so on the recommendation of the Curator, who shall apply to the owner and have the book placed in the Fraser Institute, for a period of ten days, where it may be consulted, but such books shall under no circumstances be removed from the Institute.